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5007	12/9/49	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
5008	12/13/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Stiles	1	no	released in full
5009	12/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5010	12/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5011	12/12/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
5012	12/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Boston, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5013	12/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5014	12/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5015	12/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5016	12/14/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, New York	1	yes	
5017	12/14/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5018	12/7/49	Washington Field Office report of Special Agent Connors	7	yes	

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4995	12/7/49	Letter to Attorney General from Director	2	yes	
4996	12/8/49	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
4997	12/7/49	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia	1	yes	
4998	12/10/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Gillespie	1	no	released in full
4999	12/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5000	12/9/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
5001	12/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5002	12/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5003	12/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	7	yes	
5004	12/9/49	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5005	12/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5006	12/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	

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5019	12/13/49	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5020	12/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5021	12/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5022	12/14/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5023	12/14/49	Boston teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
5024	12/13/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
5025	12/14/49	Memo about Hiss trial by T. Spencer	5	yes	
5026	12/13/49	Washington Field Office report of Special Agent Connors	4	yes	
5027	12/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5028	12/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
5029	12/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	7	yes	
5030	12/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	

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5031	12/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5032	12/14/49	Cincinnati report of Special Agent Shaw	1	yes	
5033	12/15/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5034	12/16/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5035	12/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
5036	12/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
5037	12/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau	7	yes	
5038	12/17/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
5039	12/16/49	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Miami	1	yes	
5040	12/19/49	Memo to file from Special Agent McAndrews	1	no	released in full
5041	12/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
5042	12/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Chicago	1	yes	

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5043	12/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5044	12/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5045	12/15/49	Washington Field Office report of Special Agent Craig	30	yes	
5046	12/19/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from New York	1	no	released in full
5047	12/20/49	Memo to file by Special Agent McAndrews	1	no	released in full
5048	12/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5049	12/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
5050	12/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau	7	yes	
5051	12/21/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5052	12/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, St. Louis	1	yes	
5053	12/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5054	12/21/49	Memo to file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full



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5055	12/21/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5056	12/21/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
5057	12/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
5058	12/21/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
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5061	12/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
5062	12/22/49	Letter to Director from New York	4	yes	
5063	12/22/49	Letter to Director from New York	2	yes	
5064	12/21/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	2	yes	
5065	12/22/49	Letter to Director from Baltimore	3	yes	
5066	12/26/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5067	12/23/49	Letter to Director from Washington Field Office	1	yes	

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5068	12/27/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5069	12/22/49	St. Louis teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5070	12/14/49	Letter to Director from New York	4	yes	
5071	12/26/49	Trial memo by Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5072	12/27/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5073	12/27/49	Bureau teletype to New York	2	yes	
5074	12/28/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
5075	12/27/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5076	12/27/49	Letter to Director from Baltimore	1	yes	

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JAHAM. RE TELEPHONE CALL OF SA THOMAS SPENCER, AT FIVE FORTY PM, DEC  
 TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. HARRY C. COOK WAS REINTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THIS  
 OFFICE ON OCTOBER TEN, LAST, AT HIS OFFICE, ROOM TWO THREE TWO FOUR,  
 SOUTH BUILDING, DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, AND ASKED IF HE WOULD FURNISH A  
 SIGNED STATEMENT CONCERNING ALGER HISS- APPROACH FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAIN-  
 ING EMPLOYMENT FOR ROBERT K. MCCONNAGHEY. HE ADVISED HE DID NOT CARE  
 TO FURNISH SIGNED STATEMENT BUT IF NECESSARY HE WOULD TESTIFY CONCER-  
 NING THIS MATTER WHERE HE COULD COMPLETELY PRESENT ALL OF THE FACTS.  
 HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT WHEN HE RECEIVED ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR RAISE,  
 HE WAS DOING AT THAT TIME THE WORK OF A PERSON ENTITLED TO SUCH SALARY.  
 HE INDICATED THAT DURING THOSE DAYS IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON FOR INDIVIDUALS  
 TO INTERVENE IN OBTAINING A RAISE IN PAY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Memo No. 2  
FROM : S.A. THOMAS G. SPENCER  
SUBJECT : United States v. Alger Hiss

DATE: 12/26/49

On direct examination, Alger Hiss testified that he was a member of the International Juridical Association and had written up cases for this Association that were published in the Association's Bulletin, the name of which he did not spell out.

It would appear from the testimony that this membership occurred during the years of 1932 and 1933. Mr. Murphy is desirous of knowing whether these articles appearing in these bulletins may be signed by Alger Hiss and suggests that we make an attempt to locate these old bulletins. It is possible that they may be obtained at the New York Public Library. However, if they cannot be located there, Mr. Murphy suggests that we check with the New York Bar Association on West 44th Street.

Alger Hiss will be on cross-examination, it is hoped, all day December 27th and it is suggested that this information be obtained as soon on December 27th as possible and that the results be made available to S.A. T. G. SPENCER, who can be reached in Judge Goddard's court, at Room 1305 of this building, during the progress of the trial on December 27th.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

December 21, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

WILLIAM L. WHITE, a reporter for Reader's Digest, has been in daily attendance at the trial of ALGER HISS and appears to be rather friendly to the Government.

On December 20, in a conversation with AUSA Tom Murphy, he stated that he could obtain some copies of the reports published in connection with the Nye Committee hearings, particularly those dealing with ALGER HISS' examination of BERNARD BARUCH. These hearings of course are in connection with the Nye munitions investigation. He made these available late last night and sent along a letter in which he stated it might be worth while to check the Daily Worker for the period around May 27, 28, 29, and 30, of 1935, to see if the Worker picked up a story about BARUCH'S testimony before the Nye Committee. He stated that there was a possibility that HISS' name might be mentioned in connection with the interrogation of BARUCH.

It is suggested that the Daily Worker for the above dates be reviewed and any information that might be of value to the cross examination of HISS be obtained. In connection with obtaining this information, it is to be noted that HISS is on direct examination as of this day and cross examination of him will probably begin some time this morning.

T. G. SPENCER,  
Special Agent

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"D.W." examined from 5/20/35  
to 6/10/35 and Hiss' name was  
not observed, neither was Nye Munitions  
investigation; or Baruch.  
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New York, New York

December 21, 1949

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MR. NICHOLS  
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MEMO

RE: JAHAM

This afternoon, Mr. Fred Baumgardner of the Bureau advised that Ray Whearty's secretary had called, inquiring as to the whereabouts of photographs of certain letters furnished to the Bureau by the Department and obtained by it from the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The letters were communications from HISS to CASE concerning one of the real estate transactions in which HISS was involved. Mr. Baumgardner advised that, according to the Bureau records, two sets of these six letters were forwarded to the New York Office on December 1, 1949, Special Delivery, Registered Mail. Mr. Baumgardner stated that Murphy had requested Whearty to expedite their submission to him.

I subsequently advised Mr. Baumgardner that we received the items in question and had turned them over to Mr. Donegan on December 6; that, however, since apparently they cannot locate them at the moment, we are giving him another set.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

December 21, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of December 20, SAC Boardman of the Philadelphia office called at the request of SA Kirkland of that office to furnish me with the following information:

Kirkland stated that in the report of SA James Frew dated April 6, 1949 at Washington, D. C. leads were set out to locate and possibly interview ROBERT RAY, alias RAY WARNER, former Communist leader in Washington, D. C. in the 1930's, relative to his knowledge of ALGER HISS. Mr. Kirkland advised that RAY had come to Philadelphia in 1938 and until recently he had not been located. Now, however, it is believed that he is serving a 100 year term in the Eastern State Penitentiary at Philadelphia as the Aspirin Bandit. Mr. Kirkland wanted to know whether, under the circumstances, RAY should be interviewed for any information he might have concerning HISS. I advised him we would consider this and inform the Philadelphia office as to what action should be taken.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

December 21, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

During the direct examination of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in instant case, he stated that he knew that ALGER HISS and his wife spent some time during their honeymoon at the Stafford Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. The HISSSES were married on December 11, 1929. On cross examination yesterday, ALGER HISS denied that he spent any time at the Stafford Hotel during his honeymoon.

AUSA Murphy suggested that if it has not already been done that inquiry be made at the Stafford Hotel to determine whether any record is available showing the registration of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS some time around December 11, 1929. It is suggested that the files be checked to see if this has already been covered, and if not, a teletype should immediately be sent to the Baltimore Office to have this investigation completed in time so that it can be used for the cross examination of ALGER HISS, who is presently on direct examination.

T. G. SPENCER,  
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

December 20, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

Agent T. Smith of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised the writer at 1:55 p.m. today of the following information:

Mr. NICHOLAS of the State Department advised the Washington Field that the defense had subpoenaed additional telegrams in the Reubens-Robbins passport fraud case. These telegrams were referred to in a State Department telegram presently in evidence in the trial of the captioned matter as a handwritten specimen of ALGER HISS. Copies of the telegrams subpoenaed by the defense are being made for the New York passport office of the State Department. Additional copies are being designated for the New York passport office in order that they may be transmitted by that office to AUSA Murphy.

The above was furnished to Agent Spencer to be relayed to AUSA Murphy.

T. J. McANDREWS,  
Special Agent

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SAC, Washington Field

December 19, 1949

SAC, New York

JAHAM

There is transmitted herewith one photostatic copy of the testimony of RAYMOND SYLVESTER CATLETT in the trial of the captioned matter. This photostatic copy includes pages 2179 through 2223 and pages 2270 through 2293 of the official record. Only those pages of CATLETT'S testimony which are pertinent and of interest to the Washington Field are herewith transmitted.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

December 19, 1949

"MEMORANDUM"

Re: JAHAM

There is attached hereto one photostatic copy of the testimony of RAYMOND SYLVESTER CATLETT during the trial of the captioned matter. This testimony is reflected on pages 2179 through 2223 and 2270 through 2293 of the official record. This copy will be retained in the file for use in this office. Another copy has been sent to the Washington Field Office for the information of that office.

T. J. McANDREWS,  
Special Agent



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JAHAM, PERJURY, IS-R, ESPIONAGE-R. RE JUDGE CHARLES WYZANSKI.  
 IN VIEW OF LATTEL-S LOCAL REPUTATION AND PAST EXPERIENCES OF THIS OFFICE  
 WITH HIM, NO EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE FURTHER HIS PLANS IN  
 INSTANT MATTER. NOTED THAT HIS TESTIMONY CANNOT GO BEYOND THAT IN  
 EARLIER TRIAL.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, 7, New York

December 13, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAHAM  
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On the evening of December 9, 1949, in accordance with the request of SA THOMAS J. SPENCER, I telephonically contacted SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES of the Philadelphia Office and advised him that in connection with the above captioned case, it was desired that SA KIRKLAND of the Philadelphia Office endeavor to discreetly ascertain if JOSEPH R. BOUCOT was going to appear as a defense witness in the ALGER HISS trial; further, that if BOUCOT was coming to New York City to testify, it was desired that Agent KIRKLAND and a second Special Agent, who was present with Agent KIRKLAND at the first HISS trial, would also come to New York City to testify at the same time as BOUCOT. It was pointed out to SA HUGHES that if Agent KIRKLAND was unable to determine if BOUCOT was to appear as a defense witness, then under these circumstances SA KIRKLAND and the second Special Agent from the Philadelphia Office, name unknown, were to be present in New York City at 10:30 AM on December 12, 1949. SA HUGHES of the Philadelphia Office advised that he would advise Agent KIRKLAND of the foregoing.

SA EDWARD F. STILES

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12/10/49

Re Jahan

At 10 am 12/10/49 Agent Mc Devitt of the Phila. office telephoned that Sgt Kirkland advised there was no way of discreetly determining whether Boncot was going to testify for the defense. He said Kirkland would call Boncot directly & inquire if he wished.

SA Spencer advised against this suggestion and at 2:10 pm I called Mc Devitt & so informed him, advising also that Spencer reaffirmed previous instructions that Kirkland and the other Agent should be here by 11 am Monday for use as possible witnesses at the trial.

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SA Spencer

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